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1107. The Institute started its ninth year of working from 1st July 1951. There was heavy rush for admission to the several courses. The total number of students admitted during the year was 423 bringing the total strength to 824 as against 791 in the previous year. Applications for admission were received from all over India and a good number of non-Mysoreans and refugees were also admitted in addition to those who were deputed from the Government of India and other State Governments.

1108. The following courses which were not attractive were abolished :—

1. Glass Technology, 2. Printing (Lower), 3. Composing, 4. Book-binding and 5. Machine minding.

Examinations.

1109. The public examinations in the Certificate Diploma, Short-term and Adult Craftsman courses were conducted as usual in June 1951. Out of 277 candidate who appeared for the Certificate Examination, 90 passed and out of 199 candidates who appeared for the Diploma examination, 98 passed. Out of 36 candidates who appeared for the Short-term course examination, 20 passed and out of 26 candidates who appeared for the Adult Craftsman courses including ladies' Tailoring Examinations, 17 passed. Of these, 6 in the Certificate examination, 14 in the Diploma examination and 3 in the short-term course examination passed in first class.

Scholarships.

1110. Nineteen merit scholarships, sixty-four backward community scholarships, three military scholarships, ten printing scholarships and five Ameer Jan Endowment scholarships and one Ursu scholarship were awarded.l Besides, several District Boards and Municipal Councils awarded 87 scholarships to the candidates coming from their respective areas with a view to encourage Technica Education in the State.

Educational Tours.

1111. Educational tours were undertaken during the year as usual by the Second and Third Year students of all the courses to Madras, Bombay, Delhi, Poona, Coimbatore, Madura, Trichinopoly and other places.

Recognition of the courses.

1112. The Government of Madras have recognised the Diploma in Civil Draughtsmanship of the Institute as equivalent to the Diploma of the College of Engineering Guindy, and the passed students were employed in several departments of that Government. The Institution of Engineers have also granted recognition of the Diploma of the Institute for exemption from the studentship examination. The Chief Inspector of Mines, Government of India, also communicated his approval of the Diploma in Mining of the Institute for eligibility to the concession in respect of practical experience in their examination for Mine Surveyors' Certificate of competency granted under Regulation 38 of the Indian Coal Mines Regulations, 1928.

1113. A large number of passed students of the Institute were absorbed in industries such as Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., Indian Telephone Industries, Radio and Electrical Manufacturing Company, Mysore, Kirloskars, Ltd. and also in several Government Departments. The Government of India also employed a number of students in departments like Railways, Geological Survey of India, the Department of Information and Broadcast, the Central Public Works and other departments.

Equipment.

1114. A sum of Rs. 1,71,213 was utilised out of the grant of Rs. 2,00,000 sanctioned for the purchase of equipment during the year.

1115. The Institute Hostel and the Canteen continued to work satisfactorily during the year.

Library.

1116. The total number of technical books in the Library at the end of the year was 5,140, the number added during the year being 55. Various reports, prospectuses of technical institutions in the United Kingdom and U.S.A., Trade Journals, Commercial Catalogues and instructional manuals were continued to be received.

Special Schemes.

1117. The existing syllabuses were revised by a Special Board appointed for the purpose and the revised syllabuses for the various courses were introduced during the year. The nomenclature of the courses were also revised suitably. The examination at the end of the first year which used to be the annual promotional examination was replaced by a public examination under the revised scheme. With a

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view to provide opportunities to the students who were trained under the old scheme or failed under the old scheme in previous years, public examinations both in the Certificate and Diploma were continued during the year.

1118. The Radio Service Laboratory serviced a large number of radios belonging to Government departments and the public, and realised a gross revenue of Rs. 3,945 during the year.

1119. The Institute participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition. The exhibits attracted much interest and received very high public appreciation.

1120. The Auto Service Station undertook the servicing and repair of cars, trucks and lorries belonging to Government departments and other private agencies.